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8 I'm a native Nevadan of three generations.

9 My grandfather was exposed to the above ground tests in  
10 Nevada and I had the horror of watching him slowly die.  
11 He never once said an unkind word in his life, nor did  
12 he blame the government. But he knew that's what  
13 caused his cancer. He eventually could not bear  
14 illness. After years of surgery and hospitalization,  
15 he put a gun to his chest and ended his pain. I will  
16 not forget what he went through or what our family also  
17 had to suffer through with him. It was a horror once  
18 done.

19 To allow nuclear waste in the Yucca Mountain  
20 would be to recreate that same horror again for my  
21 family and for all the citizens of this state as well  
22 as the nation wherever the nuclear waste is  
23 transported. The very fact that the DOE and the manner  
24 in which they held this hearing and other hearings and  
25 how they have tried to mislead and have indeed misled

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1 the citizens of this state makes me not believe any of  
2 their scientific reports, especially when there are  
3 other reports that are independent and contrary to  
4 their findings.

5 I consider myself to be a patriotic citizen  
6 in this United States of America and being a good  
7 citizen is not heard of very often now days. It does  
8 have meaning. However, I do have to question why I

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9    continue to believe in a country when my own government  
10    would force such exploitation fraught and terrorism on  
11    its own people.    Thank you.  
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